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SUBJECT: DETAINEE TRANSFER TALKING POINTS FOR MEDIA

REF: A) STATE 144996
 B) UNCLASSIFIED BIOS

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 REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) The talking points provided below are for use in communicating with local media regarding the transfer of individuals to Department of Defense custody at Guantanamo Bay, where these individuals can be brought to justice for their crimes.

2. (U) Talking Points

Comprehensive talking points regarding the President's Speech are provided in Ref A. Unclassified summaries of biographical information on each transferred detainee, see Ref B, are available on the DNI website (<http://www.dni.gov/announcements/content.DetaineeBiography.s.pdf>). In any communications regarding particular detainees transferred, please draw from the following:

-- As you may be aware, the President delivered a major speech addressing the issue of detainees in the War on

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Terrorism. In his remarks, the President announced that 14 senior members of al Qaeda have been moved from classified locations, where they were being held and questions by the CIA, to DOD custody where they can be brought to justice for their crimes.

-- Interrogations of these individuals have yielded vital intelligence we have shared with our allies, and stopped numerous plots.

-- Two Saudi nationals were among those transferred: Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi and 'Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri. In addition, a Palestinian who was raised in Saudi Arabia, Zayn al 'Abidin Abu Zubaydah; and a Yemeni who was born and raised in Saudi Arabia, Walid Bin 'Attash, were also transferred.

-- The ICRC has been notified and will have access to them. No detainees remain in CIA custody.

-- At Guantanamo, these individuals will receive the same standard of treatment as all other detainees in Guantanamo.

-- These detainees will appear before a combatant status review tribunal to confirm that they are properly held as enemy combatants in accordance with the same standards that govern all other DOD detainees at Guantanamo.

-- These detainees will have access to counsel, will be afforded the opportunity to worship, and will be able to write and receive mail from their families and friends, to the same extent as other detainees in DOD custody.

-- All requests by foreign officials to meet with these detainees will be considered using the existing DOD policy on foreign government access to GTMO detainees.

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